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Foreign Arrangements and Engagement

In accordance with Annex F of the Ministerial Direction for Operations and Accountability (pertaining to Domestic and Foreign Arrangements), and pursuant to s. 17(1)(b) of the *CSIS Act*, as of March 31, 2018, the Service maintained a range of relationships with foreign entities totalling arrangements in countries and territories. Of these, during the period under review.

Following the September 25, 2017 Ministerial Direction on Avoiding Complicity in Mistreatment by Foreign Entities, several of the Service's foreign arrangements were re-categorized. As a result of this new mechanism, of the Service's foreign arrangements have been placed in the 'Restricted' category while are now in the 'Dormant/Restricted' category.

During 2017-18, the Service obtained Ministerial approvals to establish five new s.17(1)(b) foreign arrangements and Director approval to enhance six existing arrangements with partners

A description of the 2017-2018 changes to the Service's foreign arrangements is outlined in Annex C.

In consultation with governmental and non-governmental sources, CSIS continuously assesses each of its foreign arrangements focusing on aspects such as: the other agency's role/mandate; dissemination considerations and human rights; the country's operational environment; bilateral areas of exchange/engagement; regional strategic security objectives; and GC intelligence requirements.

Director's Decisions with Respect to Ministerial Direction on Avoiding Complicity in Mistreatment by Foreign Entities

In accordance with the 2017 Ministerial Direction on Avoiding Complicity in Mistreatment by Foreign Entities, the Service is required to provide, on an annual basis, details on substantial risk cases where this Direction was engaged, including the number of cases.

According to the Ministerial Direction, when there is a substantial risk that disclosing information or making a request for information to a foreign entity would result in the mistreatment of an individual,

and officials are unable to determine if that risk can be mitigated through, for example, the use of caveats or assurances, the matter will be referred to the Director of CSIS for decision.

During the reporting period, the Information Sharing Evaluation Committee (ISEC) considered cases wherein substantial risk was involved. cases were recommended to the Director for decision:

cases did not require Director involvement:

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